

BROAD MARGIN
9 West Avondale Drive
Greenville
Greenville County
South Carolina

HABS No. SC-597

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE South Carolina	COUNTY Greenville	TOWN OR VICINITY Greenville
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Broad Margin (NR nomination)		HABS NO. SC-597
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 9 West Avondale Drive, Greenville		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1954 (NR nomination)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Frank Lloyd Wright	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Designed by Frank Lloyd Wright. This is one of less than 20 of Wright's designs in the Southeast and one of only two in South Carolina. It was built as the home of sisters Charley and Gabrielle Austin. A passage from Henry David Thoreau's <u>Walden</u> , *		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) "Usonian"		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Steel reinforced concrete and cypress wood		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Irregular shape		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE The structure has concrete and stone walls. Windows 48" high extend continuously along three sides of the house.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Floors are highly polished red-colored concrete slabs, with copper pipes running through them. Hot water is circulated through these pipes to provide heating. Cypress boards form the ceilings and two-way lights are located in overhead decks. Cypress is also used for the **		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES Replacement of a portion of the kitchen cabinets (damaged by fire)		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Excellent condition. Private residence		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE At Broad Margin, Wright was allowed complete freedom to design the furniture, throw pillows, and bedspreads and to choose accessories.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Listed in National Register 1/23/79		
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* in which he declares that "I love a broad margin to my life," inspired the name of the house. This is one of the last examples of Wright's use of the Usonian style of architecture which was characterized by the use of natural materials- stone and wood - and the integration of a building with a site.

** walls. There is a massive stone fireplace and a built-in couch.

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